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Applicant: Alexander AULBACH

Title: RETAINING DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Species I (Figures 1-5 and 8) for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-24 read on the elected species. Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 14, 15-22 and 24 are generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected subject matter.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741

Respectfully submitted,

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